

January, 2013

Nancy Locke, Director  
Purchasing and Contracting Division  
City of Seattle Dept. of Finance and Administrative Services

Re: 2013 WMBE Plan

Greetings:

The Seattle Firefighter's Pension Board is an independent agency for the City of Seattle that administers pension and medical benefits for active and retired Firefighters. The Board employs four individuals. The Board presently has a contract with the actuarial firm of Milliman which prepares our annual actuarial report. They are also the actuarial firm for Police Pension and the City Retirement system. Our contract with Premier Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Washington Alaska insurance company is for the use of their medical provider's network and administration of claims. The other insurance companies which would be large enough to provide the local and nationwide medical services we require are companies such as Aetna and Regence Blue Shield. We also contract with the Poly Clinic medical network which provides medical care for active and retired Firefighters. The two main vendors that we use outside of those that provide medical network services are Dataworks Consulting which has fifty percent woman ownership and Swifty Printing which is one hundred percent minority owned.

The Firefighter's Pension Board doesn't make any major purchases or utilize outside services except as to what has been described, our main function is to provide administrative services for medical and pension benefits.

The Board supports the initiatives of the City of Seattle regarding WMBE Guidelines and should the duties of the Fire Pension Board change where we would have the need to enter into contracts or make large purchases we would ensure that WMBE guidelines would be strictly adhered to.

Sincerely,

Steven Brown  
Executive Secretary  
Seattle Firefighter's Pension Board